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Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General *

1. The sixth session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 17 to 28 March 2014. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday 17 March at 10 a.m.

2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the sixth session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General taking into account the relevant provisions of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

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Annotations

1. Opening of the sixth session

The sixth session of the Committee will be opened by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative.

2. Minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances

The Committee will hold a minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will consider and adopt the agenda for its sixth session.

4. Communications, requests for urgent actions and information received by the Committee

The Committee will consider any communication, request for urgent action and information it has received in relation to articles 30–34 of the Convention.

5. Matters related to the methods of work of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will, inter alia, discuss: (a) methods of work with regard to its activities under articles 32, 33 and 34 of the Convention; (b) interaction with relevant stakeholders; and (c) the strategy to encourage States to ratify the Convention and other matters.

(a) Methods of work related to articles 32, 33 and 34 of the Convention

The Committee will continue its work on developing methodology and working procedures for the implementation of articles 32, 33 and 34 of the Convention.

(b) Interaction with relevant stakeholders

The Committee will discuss its relationship with national human rights institutions with a view to adopting a document in this regard.

(c) Ratification strategy and other matters

The Committee will examine the rate of ratification of the Convention and discuss strategies to encourage ratification of the Convention and acceptance of the competence of the Committee under articles 31 and 32 of the Convention.

6. Consideration of reports of States parties to the Convention

The Committee will consider during the sixth session the reports submitted by Germany and the Netherlands pursuant to article 29, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixth session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below:

Germany (CED/C/DEU/1) on Monday, 17 March 2014 (p.m.) and on Tuesday, 18 March 2014 (a.m.);

The Netherlands (CED/C/NLD/1) on Tuesday 18 March 2014 (p.m.) and on Wednesday 19 March 2014 (a.m.).

In accordance with rule 51 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixth session.

The Committee will also examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports submitted by Belgium (CED/C/BEL/1) and Paraguay (CED/C/PRY/1) on Monday, 24 March 2014.

7. Public discussion on "enforced disappearances and military justice"

During its fifth session, the Committee began discussing, in closed session, the topic of enforced disappearances and military justice and decided to hold a public discussion on this topic at its sixth session. This theme is of relevance to the Committee's work and may be the subject of a future general comment.

8. Meeting with States Members of the United Nations

The Committee will hold a meeting with States parties to the Convention, States signatories to the Convention and other States Members of the United Nations to discuss with them relevant topics under the Convention.

9. Meeting with United Nations agencies and mechanisms, and intergovernmental organizations

The Committee will meet with United Nations agencies and mechanisms, and intergovernmental organizations which work on issues related to enforced disappearance.

10. Meeting with national human rights institutions

The Committee will hold a meeting with national human rights institutions on matters related to the implementation of the Convention.

11. Meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders

The Committee will hold a meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders on matters related to the implementation of the Convention.

12. Provisional agenda for the seventh session

The Committee will discuss the provisional agenda for its seventh session, to be held from 15 to 26 September 2014.

13. Treaty body strengthening update

Under this item, the Committee will discuss issues related to the treaty body strengthening process, including harmonization.